(b) There is a proposal to raise oil palm on 5000 ha. in Kari lands of Kuttanad. The proposal envisages developing 200 ha. of oil palm on Kari land as a pilot scheme.

(c) The oil palm fruits produced during the last three years in the plantations of Oil Palm India Limited, Kerala is given below:

1988-89 . . .	10,400 MT
1989-90 . . .	10.353 MT
1990-91 . .	12.424 MT

S.T.D. Facility in Kollam District of Kerala

2230. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide STD facility in various Telephone Exchanges in Kollam district of Kerala:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, progressively during the coming years.

(b) The following stations are planned to be provided with S.T.D. facility in Kollam district during 1991-92.

ANCHAL, CHAVARA, OCHIRA & PATHANAPURAM.

(c) The necessary infrastructure is being created.

[*Translation*]

Production of Foodgrains in Rajasthan

2231. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of wheat, millet and maize have been declining in Rajasthan during the last last three years:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to arrest the declining trend in foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) To assist the State of Rajasthan for increasing the production and productivity of foodgrains, a Special Foodgrain Production Programme (SFPP)—wheat and maize & millets is being implemented since the last three years.

[*English*]

Irrigation Projects of Kerala

2232. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation project of Kerala pending with the Union Government: and

(b) the reasons for delay in according clearance to those projects and the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) There is only one project, namely, Idmalayar Irrigation Project under the consideration of the Central Water Commission.

The Idmalayar Irrigation Project report for an estimated cost of Rs. 17.85 crores was first received at Central Water Commission in June 1976. The observations on the project proposal were sent to the State Government for compliance. The State Government informed in February 1985 that the project was being